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TAGS: SNAR, UN, MX

SUBJECT: UNFDAC QUERY CONCERNING AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

REF: GENEVA 2262

1. FYI: WASHINGTON SOURCES OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION
INDICATE THAT THE MORE ADVANCED REMOTE SENSOR SYSTEMS
APPEAR TO BE NOT REPEAT NOT TECHNICALLY SUITED TO THE
CURRENT OPERATIONAL NEEDS OF THE MEXICAN POPPY ERADICATION
CAMPAIGN. THE EXISTING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS
PROVIDED BY THE USG FOR THE MEXICAN PROGRAM HAVE BEEN
TECHNICALLY PROVEN AND WOULD MEET SOME OF THE STRATEGIC
AND ALL OF THE TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE NEEDS OF THE CAM-
PAIGN, IF THE SYSTEMS WERE FULLY USED WITH EFFECTIVE
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MANAGEMENT. IN BRIEF, OUR POSITION TOWARD THE NEED FOR

AND TECHNICAL VIABILITY OF THE PROPOSAL IS NEGATIVE.
IF IT SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY TO JUSTIFY THE POSITION
WITH AN OUTSIDE EVALUATION, IT WOULD BE BETTER FUNDED BY
BILATERAL CCINC ASSISTANCE THAN UNFDAC BECAUSE OF THE
HEAVY U.S. BILATERAL PROGRAM IN MEXICO. END FYI.

2. OUR CONTACTS WITH NASA (OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
OPERATIONS) INDICATE THERE IS NO RECORD OF A NASA CONTRACT
WITH ALTAIR. NASA'S SOURCES INDICATED A SEARCH WAS MADE

ON THIS ABOUT A MONTH AGO IN RESPONSE TO A SIMILAR
INQUIRY MADE BY DEA. KISSINGER

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